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**APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN § BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR § OF
AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES § ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

**SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY'S
STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 4 OF PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Certain documents provided in response to Commission Staff's (Staff) Fourth Request for Information to Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), Question No. 4-1 are exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Section 552.110 of the Public Information Act¹ and are subject to treatment as Confidential materials.

The materials provided in response to Staff's Question No. 4-1 contain non-public commercially sensitive compiled data including vegetation management and maintenance cost information that if released, would provide an advantage to a competitor or bidder and could cause substantial competitive harm to SWEPCO.

Counsel for SWEPCO has reviewed the documents sufficiently to state in good faith that the documents are exempt from disclosure under the Public Information Act and merit the Confidential designation given to them.

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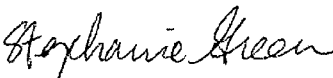
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on December 14, 2020, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules issued in Project No. 50664 and Order No. 1 in this matter.


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